

State Parks and Reservoirs Campground Host Summaries and Availability April 28, 2008

Brookville/Whitewater Complex (765/647-2657)

Number of Host Sites: Four (One site at Quakertown, one site at Whitewater, and two sites at Mounds)

Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash in area. Clean out fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration.

Status for 2008: All slots filled for recreational season except:

Whitewater: Class A OPEN after June 15, 2008.

Quakertown: Class A OPEN June 20-July 24, 2008 and Class A OPEN after September 7, 2008

Mounds: Class AA site is OPEN on or after September 3, 2008 and Class A site is OPEN on or after June 29, 2008.

Brown County State Park (812/988-6406)

Number of Sites: Family Campground—one campground host, one Volunteer in Parks (VIP); Horseman Campground—one VIP

Duties: Direct traffic at our campground registration booth, staff Interpretive Center, minor maintenance and repair, clean rest rooms, trash pickup.

Length of Stay: 30 to 60 days; extendable through season.

Status for 2008: VIP space available in Family Campground.

Chain O'Lakes State Park (260/636-2654)

Number of Host sites: Two

Length of Stay: 30-60 days, depending on the season

Duties: Typical duties are traffic control on Friday evenings and Saturday, provide toilet paper at comfort stations, clean up messes after hours, assist campers in need of help, help missing or lost children reunite with parents, deliver non-emergency messages and act as sounding board for camper comments, questions, and concerns.

Status for 2008: All slots filled for recreation season, but applications for future use are being accepted.

Charlestown State Park (812/256-5600)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: Variable

Duties: Light restroom checking and cleaning, provide info to arrivals, litter pick up, act as "information site" where campers can stop and ask questions.

Status for 2008: Limited host opportunities available; positions filled.

Clifty Falls State Park (812/273-8885)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of stay: one to six months, depending on the season

Duties: Check shower houses and pits in the assigned area for cleanliness and toilet paper, especially in the evening. Pick up trash in area. Clean out fire rings of trash after campers leave. Provide information, and be a friendly helpful "host" for area. Assist management as needed with campground registration.

Status for 2008: No additional assistance requested though we always welcome applicants.

Falls of the Ohio State Park (812/280-9970)

No campground on site; volunteers accepted as docents, gardeners and for a variety of special projects.

Fort Harrison State Park (317/591-0904)

No campground on site; volunteers accepted as docents, gardeners and for a variety of special projects.

Hardy Lake (812/794-3800)

Number of Hosts: One

Length of Stay: One month with extensions possible from April 15-November 1

Duties: Clean out fire rings, move tables for the mowing crew, help with the raptor rehab center, help out with programs and boat tours, assist our staff in our gate houses as well as the office, help the security patrolman when needed, assist staff as needed in repairs and maintenances of the property, collect fees in campgrounds when gate is not open, act as our campground ambassadors and other duties as assigned.

Status for 2008: Hosts selected for 2008

Harmonie State Park (812/682-4821)

Number of Host Sites: Five

Length of Stay: 2-4 weeks for Campground Hosts and VIP's two nights or longer

Duties: Our hosts and VIP's are required to be goodwill ambassadors, report camping infractions to security personnel, assist with traffic control on weekends at the gate. They do various maintenance tasks in the campground such as litter pickup, restroom and fire ring cleaning and assisting in staffing the nature/interpretive center. They will assist with special events and other special projects around the park.

Status for 2008: Hosts and VIP spots available for 2008.

Indiana Dunes State Park (219/926-1952)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: One month, time extensions possible

Duties: At a minimum, clean out the fire rings once a week and be available in the campground on Friday and Saturday from 4pm-9pm. Other duties assigned as needed.

Status for 2008: Season filled.

Lieber SRA (Cagles Mill Lake) (765/795-4576)

Number of Host Sites: Two (one host, and one VIP)

Length of Stay: Variable; minimum one month and may extend through recreation season

Duties: Litter pickup, take/deliver messages, housekeeping, provide security, clean fire rings, make minor electrical repairs, traffic control, volunteer and staff nature center, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2008: Hosts selected for 2008, VIP still available

Lincoln State Park (812/937-4710)

Number of Host Sites: One host site

Length of Stay: Minimum of two weeks, extensions possible

Duties: Pick up trash, replenish toilet paper in comfort stations, help with traffic, run messages, check on campground checkouts, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2008: Season filled

McCormick's Creek State Park (812/829-2235)

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: One month required

Duties: General light labor in campground.

Status for 2008: One host in A loop needed July & August. One needed May thru October in B-loop.

Mississinewa Reservoir (765/473-6528)

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1-2 months depending on quality of work and applicants

Duties: Provide informal security in the campground (be eyes and ears!). Make sure restrooms are kept clean and toilet paper rolls filled. Keep litter picked up. Provide information to the general public.

Assist and help employees when requested. Sometimes assist with special projects.

Status for 2008: Hosts selected for 2008; waiting list available.

Monroe Reservoir

No campground host program available; volunteers accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Mounds State Park (765/642-6627)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 2-4 weeks

Duties: Provide information to campers, and relate their concerns to property staff. Assist with severe weather procedures, site electrical troubleshooting, and collect firewood left by campers. Check restrooms and vault toilet throughout day; provide mild cleaning, and alert staff if repairs are required. Provide litter pickup in campground, clear fire rings, sell firewood and ice when campstore is closed. Collect registration fees in absence of a patrolman or when campground control station is closed.

Status for 2008: Do not currently need assistance

O'Bannon Woods State Park

No campground host program available; may be available in 2009. Volunteers are accepted for resource management, interpretive and other special projects.

Ouabache State Park (260/824-0926)

Attempting to initiate Host Program for 2008. Need applicants.

Number of Host Sites: One electric

Length of Stay Required: One Month

Duties: Primary responsibility will be to sell firewood and collect wood fees. Other duties include, but are not limited to: campground information and assistance, routine checking of modern restrooms, litter pickup, checking and cleaning firerings, and other light maintenance duties as may be completed.

Status for 2008: Accepting applicants

Patoka Lake (812/685-2447)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 2-4 weeks

Duties: As goodwill ambassadors, campground host to report camper issues and requests to proper DNR contact. Answer camper questions, informing public of policies and procedures. Check restrooms on a set schedule and alert us if anything needs immediate attention; some light maintenance as needed. Provide litter pickup in campground. After campsite checkout, assess the campsite for fire ring & general site maintenance. May be needed to assist gatehouse staff as increased flow of traffic & camper registration needs. As a VIP, assist the Interpretive Naturalists with programs and special events, co-host at the Visitor Center or Nature Center. Volunteers also welcome as docents, gardeners and for a variety of special projects, programs and events.

Status for 2008: Applications welcome for June, July, August, September, & October 2008

Pokagon State Park (219/833-2012)

Number of Host Sites: None at this time; volunteers are accepted for resource management, interpretive center staffing and other special projects.

Status for 2008: We are accepting applications and making a list of those interested for next year.

Potato Creek State Park (574/656-8186)

Number of Host Sites: Two (one in the family campground; one in horse campground)

Length of Stay: One month

Family Campground Duties: Service comfort stations (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes), assist campground attendants on Friday evenings, be visible and approachable to campers, pull site cards, pick up trash, host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. No weekend hosting only permitted.

Horseman's Campground Duties: Service comfort station (replacing toilet paper and cleaning up minor messes), assist campground attendants on Friday evenings, be visible and approachable to campers, pull site cards, pick up trash, host Friday, Saturday and Sunday and two other days of the week. Weekend hosting only is also available

Family Campground Status for 2008: May - October - full

Horseman's Campground Status for 2008: Openings in horseman's campground for May - October. Weekend hosting only is also available

Prophetstown State Park (765/567-4919)

Length of stay: One month

Duties: Traffic control and assisting campers. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays mandatory. Sell Firewood at site. Spot check comfort stations for cleanliness and supplies. Pick up trash in campground area. Be a model camper. Work with Security to ensure all have a pleasant camping experience.

Status for 2008: All months are filled. We are already accepting applications for 2009

Raccoon/Mansfield (765/344-1412)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: Variable; Two weeks to one month

Duties: Volunteers perform light maintenance work around Raccoon SRA and Historic Mansfield Roller Mill that may include cleaning campground toilets & restocking as needed after hours, assisting and educating visitors at the campground dumpsters/recycling program, litter pickup, minor maintenance such as painting, electrical or plumbing, weeding & watering flowerbeds at Chapel Shelter and entrance/campground gates, delivering messages as requested by gate attendants, assisting interpretive naturalist in updating information on bulletin boards, presenting interpretive programming or mailing press releases.

Status for 2008: Hosts selected for 2008

Roush Lake (260/468-2165)

Number of Host Sites: One in Kilsquah Campground. (Note: no electricity or water hookup; no modern restrooms.)

Length of Stay: 21 days

Duties: Pick up litter, greet visitors, clean fire rings, answer visitor questions, other duties as assigned.

Status for 2008: Still seeking one host

Salamonie Reservoir (260/468-2125)

Number of Host Sites: Two modern; one horsemen's

Length of Stay: One month

Duties: We ask them to check & clean the bathrooms early AM and later PM. They contact us if they find any serious problems in the bathrooms. They pass out info and are also our eyes and ears in the campground. We are going to ask them to pick up and burn any firewood left behind by campers that have checked out of the campground.

Status for 2008: All campground host positions are filled.

Shakamak State Park (812/665-2158)

Number of Host Sites: One site

Length of stay: Month at a time or longer depending on demand.

Duties: Pick up trash, keep toilet paper in the bathrooms, provide campers with information and help campers as needed.

Status for 2008: Through out spring, summer and fall season; applications currently accepted.

Spring Mill State Park (812/849-4129)

Number of Host Sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1 month minimum

Duties: Cleaning campsites and grills, serve as nature/interpretive center receptionist, assist campground gate on traffic control, clean shelters, etc. At least 20 hours per week required. **To reserve a VIP site at Spring Mill State Park you need to have your volunteer application into the Volunteer Coordinator, Coletta Prewitt, by Feb. Our sites fill quickly.

Status for 2008: Filled until November.

Summit Lake State Park (765/766-5873)

Number of Host sites: One

Length of Stay: one month

Duties: Our host meets and greets the campers, helps with electric problems, promotes the interpretive naturalist programs and checks restrooms. We also train them to help notify campers during severe weather and fire season. They make contact with campers who would not normally feel comfortable stopping a park truck to report a problem.

Status for 2008: Season filled.

Tippecanoe River State Park (574/946-3213)

Number of Host Sites: One

Length of Stay: 1 month

Duties: Answer questions for campers, check comfort stations and do moderate cleaning, check and sweep pit toilets in the area, report problems, pull site cards from the family and horseman's campground, pick up trash and clean fire rings. Some campground hosts will rake in the spring and fall and help assist the campground gate attendant and will sell ice and firewood.

Status for 2008: Hosts needed for July and August

Turkey Run/Shades State Park Complex (765/597-2654)

Number of Host Sites: One at Turkey Run; none at Shades

Length of Stay: 1 month, working a minimum of 20 hours per week PER PERSON staying in the site.

Duties: Answer camper questions, conduct site checks, run messages to campers, replenish toilet paper in campground restrooms, attend at least two interpretive programs and promote interpretive programs to campers. Hosts are also invited to staff the nature center desk, assist with special events or help with other volunteer projects that fit their interest and time.

Status for 2008: Turkey Run has openings for hosts for May, August, September, & October.

Versailles State Park (812/689-6424)

Number of Host sites: Two

Length of Stay: 1 to 6 months

Duties: Check comfort stations for cleanliness and toilet paper, pick up trash throughout campground, clean out trash from fire rings, provide information and be a good ambassador for campers.

Status for 2008: Filled for season.